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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a translation of the International Preliminary Report On Patentability ("IPRP") issued in the corresponding international application. The international Examiner has deemed that claims 2-16 have novelty and claims 1-17 have industrial applicability. Each reference cited in the IPRP was cited by Applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2003/G018	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014563	International filing date (day/month/year) 22.12.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 24.12.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B32B27/28, B29C45/16			
Applicant TICONA GMBH			

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 4 sheets, as follows:

☐ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

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☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 53.2 and/or 53.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-19 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-17 _____ received by this Authority on 25.10.2005 with telefax
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(e)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 2-16

YES

Claims 1, 17

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims 1-17

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-17

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. This report also makes reference to the following documents:

D1: "Ergebnisse und Leistungen", IZFM 1999, pages 1-26, XP002321884, URL: www.uni-stuttgart.de/hsg-imat/hsg99.pdf

D2: WO-A-0020204

D3: "Kunststoffe", No. 11, 2003, pages 80-84

D4: JP-A-2003220667 (a JPO translation is attached)

- 2.1 Document D1 (cf. page 18, column 2, last paragraph, together with page 19, column 2, last paragraph) discloses a composite body made of a polyacetal and at least one thermoplastic polyamide elastomer and formed by a polyacetal moulding onto which one or more mouldings made of the thermoplastic polyamide elastomer are directly moulded, the polyacetal and the thermoplastic polyamide elastomer being joined together; the subject matter of claim 1 differs therefrom in that the composite bonding strength under tensile stresses according to ISO 527 between the polyacetal and the thermoplastic polyamide

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 33(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

elastomer amounts to at least 0.5 N/mm².

For the reason explained in Box VIII, point 1, the novelty of the claimed subject matter cannot be acknowledged (PCT Article 33(2)) and the present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1).

- 2.2 A process for producing a composite body comprising a polyacetal and at least one thermoplastic polyamide elastomer, in which at least one polyacetal moulding and another moulding made of a thermoplastic polyamide elastomer are moulded together by a multiple component injection-moulding process, the polyamide elastomer being injected onto the polyacetal moulding, is known from document D1 (cf. page 18, column 2, last paragraph, together with page 19, column 2, last paragraph).

The very wide range of polyamide elastomer compound temperatures and tool temperatures, which extends from 200 to 320°C, and from 20 to 140°C, respectively, are normal trade practice and determined by the materials themselves, and should be regarded as implicitly disclosed by D1, as well as the minimum composite bonding strength of 0.5 N/mm² according to ISO 527.

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 15 would in any case differ from the process known from D1 by the step which consists in pre-heating the

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 33(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

polyacetal moulding to a temperature ranging from 80°C to just under its melting point before the polyamide elastomer injection moulding step.

For this reason, the subject matter of claim 15 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

For the reason mentioned in Box VIII, point 2, it is not possible in this report to determine whether the application meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).

- 3.3 Consequently, the use as per claim 17 also fails to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2); see also document D1, page 17, column 3, and figure 4.
4. The description does not contain any indication of a preferred selection among the additional features of the dependent claims, which are claimed as being equivalent, in order to substantiate an inventive step, and therefore dependent claims 2-14 and 16 in their present wording cannot meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).
5. Claims 1-17 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

1. Contrary to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description does not cite documents D1, D2, D3 and D4 or indicate the relevant prior art disclosed therein.
2. The independent claims have not been drafted in the correct two-part form defined by PCT Rule 6.3(b).
3. Contrary to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(iii), the description is not in line with the claims.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. The Examining Authority is of the opinion that document D1 discloses low bonding strength between POM and Pebax in a moulding produced by the 2K injection-moulding process. However, that bonding strength is not specified, and therefore it is not possible to determine whether this low POM/PEBAX bonding strength lies within the range from 0.5 N/mm² according to ISO 527; see also PCT Guidelines 12.04.
3. However, the necessity of a high polyacetal compound temperature, high polyamide elastomer compound temperature and tool tempering to achieve satisfactory bonding strength between the polyacetal part and the polyamide elastomer part cannot be accepted because it is inconsistent with examples 5 and 6 (cf. page 18), as well as examples 11 and 12 (cf. page 19). Consequently, features based thereon cannot substantiate an inventive step in an independent claim involving an improvement in bonding strength of at least 0.5 N/mm² (see PCT Guidelines, 5.33).
3. In this respect, it should also be noted that examples 1, 2 and 4-12 relate to MBS core-shell and TPU-modified polyacetal.
4. Since the bracketed features in claims 1 and 2 do not relate to references to the figures, it is formally unclear whether the bracketed features

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Box No. VIII

Certain observations on the international application

belong to the claimed subject matter and hence restrict the scope of these claims. For this reason, the bracketed features make the claimed subject matter unclear; cf. PCT Guidelines, 5.11.

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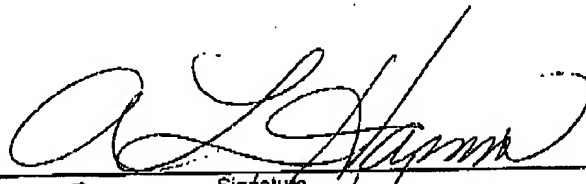
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